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# BIRTH.

On the 10th November, the wife of J. SCHULTZ,  
I. M. Customs, of a daughter. [2597]

# The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, NOVEMBER 12th, 1897.

ENGLAND will sooner or later be called  
upon to make a definite declaration of her  
policy in regard to the vexed question of  
Korea. Russia and Japan are active rivals  
for ascendancy in the Far Eastern Kingdom,  
and there are not wanting indications  
that their rivalry is rapidly drifting  
to a crisis. What part will England  
play when that crisis arrives? In an  
interesting article on this subject in the  
Kobe Chronicle it is suggested that the  
recent expression of Mr. McLEAVY BROWN  
by a Russian subject, Mr. ALEXANDER, in the  
office of Financial Adviser to the Korean  
Government is intended as throwing down  
the gauntlet, not so much, perhaps, with  
the object that Great Britain should pick it  
up as to test how far the British Ministry  
is prepared to go in defence of the in-  
dependence of Korea. If England's op-  
position may be discounted, says our  
contemporary, Russia can fairly look to  
having a free hand in the Peninsula, for  
no other European Power is likely to con-  
sider the matter of sufficient moment even  
to frame a protest. It is further suggested  
that an understanding has been arrived at  
by the Triple Alliance which has such a  
powerful influence on the results of the  
China-Japan war. In conclusion our con-  
temporary says: "It will be with great  
interest, therefore, that events will be  
watched during the next few weeks. The  
British representative at Seoul is reported  
to have already protested against the dis-  
missal of Mr. BROWN, but simply, it  
would seem, on the ground of injustice  
done to a British subject, not for reasons  
of high politics. It remains to be seen  
whether Sir CLAUDE MACDONALD will  
offer any protest against the dismissal of  
"British Financial Adviser simply in order  
that that of Russian nationality shall be  
put in his place and upon the character  
of that protest Russia will be able to con-  
clude whether she has to deal with Japan  
"only or Japan and England in alliance."

Perhaps our contemporary attaches too  
much importance to the change in Financial  
Adviser. Mr. McLEAVY BROWN has  
rendered valuable service to the Korean  
Government, and was in every respect  
well fitted for the post he held, but it may  
be doubted whether the British Government,  
beyond making friendly protests in Mr.  
Brown's behalf, would elevate the change of  
Financial Adviser into a question of high  
politics. While the independence of Korea  
is recognised her right to select her own  
Adviser must be recognised also, and  
England's acquiescence in the substitution  
of a Russian for an Englishman as Financial  
Adviser would not necessarily imply  
acquiescence in the subversion of Korean  
independence. The change is no doubt a  
diplomatic victory for Russia, and indicates  
the ascendancy of her moral influence, but  
the British Government would not be likely  
under such circumstances to oppose moral  
influence by physical force. There can,  
however, be no doubt as to Russia's  
aims in Korea. She will, if no obstruction  
is encountered, go on strengthening her  
position there until the time is ripe for the  
incorporation of the kingdom in the Russian  
dominions. But Japan is watching her  
closely. Unable herself to annex Korea,  
on account of the opposition that would be  
offered by the Powers that opposed her  
restoration of Lihung, Japan is bent, as the  
next best thing, on maintaining the indepen-  
dence of the kingdom. England also would  
prefer to see Korea remain independent, for  
very good reasons, and so long as the  
question remains in the domain of diplomacy  
will throw the weight of her influence  
into that scale. Whether she would go  
further and support Japan in a con-  
flict of arms with Russia on the matter  
is another question, and one to which the  
most probable answer is a negative. Eng-  
land is hardly so vitally interested in Korea  
that she would think the country worth  
going to war about.

The silk ex s. Olympia arrived in New  
York on the 1st inst.

The N. P. steamer Olympia sailed from  
Tacoma for Japan and Hongkong on the 8th  
inst.

A Philadelphia despatch of the 8th October  
reads: "Ship John McLeod, from Iloilo, at Dela-  
ware Breakwater, looks considerably. Tank was  
caused by striking bottom in the China Sea."

The export of Hongkong coal amounted in the  
month of September to 24,000 tons, which the  
Aruna de Toulon says is more than any of the  
Japan mines have ever turned out in a single  
month.

The German mail steamer Bayern, carrying  
the German mails with dates from Berlin of the  
18th October, left Singapore yesterday  
(Thursday) at 10 a.m., and may be expected  
here on or about Tuesday, the 18th inst.

The Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial  
and Netherdale Hospitals begs to acknowledge  
with thanks the following donations to the funds  
of the Hospitals—

Lung Kwai Shan, \$5  
Yu Yik Chai, \$5

In the report of the enquiry at the Harbour  
Office into the Elsie and Morning Star collision  
the Dock Company's No. 1 launch was blamed  
for having been the main cause of the trouble.  
The steamer was stated to have been away, by  
a mile and a half, on Wednesday morning  
had appeared before the Harbour Master with  
the coxswains of the other two launches and was  
entirely exonerated.

Chinaman was brought up another Chinaman with  
a nasty cut on the head. It was a difficult matter  
to find out how the cut could be done. It was  
found that it was done by the cut of a knife  
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CLOSING QUOTATIONS.	
Wednesday, 11th November.	
EXCHANGE.	
ON LONDON.	
Telegraphic Transfer	117/0
Bank Bill, on demand	117/0
Bank Bill, at 30 days sight	117 1/2
Bank Bill, at 4 months sight	117 1/2
Credit, at 4 months sight	117 1/2
Documentary Bill, 4 months sight	117 1/2
ON PARIS.	
Bank Bill, on demand	240
Credit, at 4 months sight	244 1/2
ON GERMANY.	
On demand	193 1/2
ON NEW YORK.	
Bank Bill, on demand	46 1/2
Credit, 60 days sight	47 1/2
ON BOMBAY.	
Telegraphic Transfer	146
Bank, on demand	146 1/2
ON CALCUTTA.	
Telegraphic Transfer	146
Bank, on demand	146 1/2
ON RANGOON.	
Bank, sight	74
Private, 30 days sight	74 1/2
ON YOKOHAMA.	
On demand	6 1/2 pms
ON MANILA.	
On demand	6 1/2 pms
ON SINGAPORE.	
On demand	par

JOINT STOCK SHARES.			
COMPANY.	STOCK.	LAST QUOTE.	QUOTATIONS.
Hongkong & Shanghai.	£125	180 pr	at 100.
China & Japan.	£125	100 pr	at 100.
Do. ordinary	£130	100 pr	at 100.
Do. deferred	£1	100 pr	at 100.
Nail. Bank of China.	£1	100 pr	at 100.
B. Shares	£1	100 pr	at 100.
Fong. Shatin.	£1	100 pr	at 100.
Pail's Amoy & Co.	£1	100 pr	at 100.
Campbell, Moore & Co.	£1	100 pr	at 100.
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Insurance—		\$407, sellers
Canton	\$50	\$177, sellers
China Fire	\$20	\$17, sellers
China Traders'	\$25	\$37, sellers
Hongkong Fire	\$60	\$267
North China	\$20	\$184, buyers
Strait	\$20	\$143, sellers
Union	\$25	\$230, sellers
Yangtze	\$30	\$165, sellers
Land and Building—		
Hongkong Land Inc.	\$50	\$75, sales & sellers
Humphreys Estate—	\$10	\$97, sellers
Kowloon Land & B.	\$30	\$19, sellers
West Point Building	\$40	\$4
Luzon Sugar	\$100	\$43, buyers
Mining—		

Charmonians .....	\$65.00	\$105, buyers
Gt. East. & O'connor .....	\$3	do.
Ido. ....	\$22	\$20, buyers
Jelsh .....	\$3	do.
New National .....	\$1	\$1.40, sellers
Do. Preference .....	\$1	\$60
Chivers's Mines .....	\$3	\$20
Ido. ....	\$23	\$20, buyers & sell
Tunjong .....	\$2	\$7.75, buyers
Do. Preference .....	\$1	\$1.40
Renta .....	115.10	\$223, sales
New Amoy Dock .....	\$10	\$233, sellers
reunited .....		
China and Manila .....	\$50	\$77, sales & buyers
China Mutual. Ord. ....	\$25	\$215, buyers
Do. Preference .....	\$10	\$7, buyers
Do. Partnership .....	\$15	\$5, sales & buy
H. Canton and Al. ....	\$15	\$29, buyers
Indo-China S. N. ....	\$16	\$61, buyers
Tobran Planting Co. ....	\$5	\$6, sellers

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Mano	29.94	83	SEF	2	b
Thuphons	26.77	85	72	1	b
Manth	29.80	88	72	1	b
Cape S. James	29.80	88	SW	2	b
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Wladimir	30.23	83	SW	1	a
Tokyo	30.21	—	SW	4	a
Kochi	30.27	—	—	—	—
Manila	30.27	—	—	—	—
Kagoshima	30.27	—	—	—	—
Gutzlaf	30.23	67	NNE	3	sw
Sharp Peak	30.19	69	61	S	b
Manila	30.19	—	—	—	—
Sewat	30.10	72	—	—	—
Canton	30.49	71	NEE	1	od
Hongkong	30.66	77	SE	1	o
Vladimir	30.66	—	—	—	—
Gap Rock	30.65	—	ENE	1	e
Mano	30.68	87	SEF	1	e
Manila	30.68	87	SEF	1	e
Bulinas	29.87	83	70	2	b
Manila	—	—	—	—	—
Cape S. James	—	—	SW	5	b

Prairies apparently remains in defect in the SW part of the China Sea. Forecast - Strong or fresh NE winds; fair.

**HONGKONG REGISTER**

	Previous day 4 p.m.	On date at 10 a.m.	On date at 4 p.m.
Barometer.....	29.96	29.71	29.79
Thermometer.....	80	78	78
Humidity.....	75	75	63
Direction of wind.....	N	ENE	ENE
Force.....	0	0	0
Fog.....	-	-	< 1/2
Weather.....	B	B	C
Rain.....	-	-	-

(Highest open air temperature on the 10th.....  
Lowest open air temperature on the 10th.....  
Fog.....  
Highest Observed Ethereal Acting Direction.....  
Ethereal Acting Force.....)

MESSRS. BALFOUR & CO.'S REGISTER, 11th Nov.  
 Barometer 9 A.M. 30.02 Therm. 2 A.M. (Wet bulb)  
 Barometer 1 P.M. 29.87 Therm. 1 P.M. (Wet bulb)  
 Barometer 4 P.M. 29.82 Therm. 4 P.M. (Wet bulb)  
 Thermom. 9 A.M. 78° Therm. Maximum  
 Thermom. 1 P.M. 78° Therm. Minimum  
 Thermom. 4 P.M. 79° night.....

**HONGKONG TIDE TABLE.**  
 12th to 15th November.

		HIGH WATER.		LOW WATER.	
Date of Week.	Month.	Hongkong Mean Time.	Height.	Hongkong Mean Time.	Height.
Fri.	12	h m	6-11	h m	6-11
		0 0 0 4	2 5	0 3 3	2 0
Sat.	13	0 0 37 4	3 13	0 3 23	2 0
		10 35 35	4 16	0 3 10	2 0
Sun.	14	No inflection	high	0 3 03	2 0
				0 3 00	2 0
Mon.	15	No inflection	high	0 3 00	2 0
		11 46 5	0 4	0 3 00	2 0
Tues.	16	No inflection	high	0 3 00	2 0
				0 3 00	2 0
Wed.	17	0 0 32	4 11	0 3 19	2 0

Year	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80	81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100								
Height	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80	81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100

The height of mean sea-level has been determined, from tidal observations of 1897 and 1898, as 3.47 feet above mean low water of Spring Tides. Ordinary Spring Tides and Low-water Ordinary Spring Tides, which are indicated in these Tables are reduced, as 2.40 feet above sea-level. The heights in the Tables marked with a minus sign are below Low-water Ordinary Spring Tides, and should be subtracted from the constant given above.



